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1. UK HICOM HAS BRIEFED US ON EC NINE DEMARCHE MADE JANUARY 23
BY UK HICOMER GORDON (REFTELS).

2. DENKTASH'S REACTION TO EC NINE RESEMBLED CLOSELY THAT TO
UNSYG SPEC REP PEREZ DE CUELLAR, ALSO ON JANUARY 27 DENKTASH
SAID THAT IN PRINCIPLE HE WAS READY TO TAKE PART IN INTERCOMMUNAL
TALKS IN VIENNA ON FEBRUARY 17 BUT STILL REQUIRED CLARIFICATION
ON CLERIDES' STATUS. IT WOULD HAVE TO BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD THAT
CLERIDES IS SPEAKING AS REPRESENTATIVE OF GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUN-
ITY, NOT AS REPRESENTATIVE OF GOC. DENKTASH STRESSED THAT VIENNA
WOULD HAVE TO BE ESSENTIALLY PROCEDURAL, WITH MAIN POINTS
REFERRED TO SUBCOMMITTEES FOR DISCUSSION. HE CHARGED THAT "OTHER
SIDE WAS PUTTING QUITE DIFFERENT INTERPRETATION ON BRUSSELS
AGREEMENT" AND SAID HE WAS SEEKING CLARIFICATION ON THIS FROM
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ANKARA.

3. DENKTASH SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW ONLY EFFECTIVE GUARANTEE OF EVENTUAL CYPRUS SETTLEMENT WOULD BE BY TURKEY. THEREFORE, BEFORE HE WENT TO VIENNA HE WANTED AN ASSURANCE FROM ANKARA THAT HE COULD RELY ON THIS.

4. ACCORDING TO HICOM, DENKTASH ALSO SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS AT VIENNA WERE LIKELY TO COME UP WITH PROPOSALS WHICH WOULD BE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE TO TURK CYPRIOT SIDE. FOR EXAMPLE, HE UNDERSTOOD THAT THEY WOULD REVERT TO IDEA OF A STRONG CENTRAL GOVERNMENT AND INSIST THAT VERY LARGE NUMBER OF REFUGEES SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO RETURN, EVEN TO AREAS LIKE KYRENIA.

5. DENKTASH MENTIONED THAT EARLIER ON THERE HAD BEEN GREEK INSISTENCE THAT INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS TAKE PLACE WITHIN CONTEXT OF THE UN RESOLUTIONS. HOWEVER, DENKTASH SAID, THIS MATTER HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED AND WAS NO LONGER AN OBSTACLE.

6. IN REPLY, HICOMER GORDON SAID QUESTION OF AN ASSURANCE FROM ANKARA BEFORE VIENNA ABOUT EVENTUAL TURKISH GUARANTEES APPEARED TO BE BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN DENKTASH AND ANKARA AND NOT IN ITSELF AN OBSTACLE TO TALKS TAKING PLACE. DENKTASH AGREED AND REITERATED THAT HE WOULD PURSUE THIS AND INTERPRETATION OF BRUSSELS AGREEMENT WITH ANKARA.

7. HICOMER GORDON URGED THAT IN PERIOD BETWEEN NOW AND FEBRUARY 17 NOTHING SHOULD BE DONE OR SAID WHICH WOULD OBSTRUCT COMMENCEMENT OF NEGOTIATIONS AND PREJUDICE CHANCES FOR SUCCESS. DENKTASH REPLIED THAT HE WOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE IN DOING OR SAYING ANYTHING OF THE SORT BUT WOULD FEEL IT NECESSARY TO RESPOND SHOULD OTHER SIDE DO SO.

8. EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE DETAILS OF HICOMER GORDON'S PRESENTATION OF EC NINE'S DEMARCHE TO FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES. HOWEVER, HICOM OFFICER INFORMED US THAT CHRISTOPHIDES OFFERED NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE EXCEPT TO REITERATE THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS WERE READY TO JOIN IN TALKS FEBRUARY 17.

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